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REMARKS

In the Office action mailed on June 8, 2004, claims 1-14 are rejected. Independent Claims 1, 6, 12, 13 and 14 and dependent Claims 2-5 and 7-11 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7, 20, 81 and 97 of U.S. Patent No. 6,690,004.

To move prosecution forward, enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) signed by the attorney of record for overcoming the double-patenting rejection, and the required fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d).

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response other than as reflected on the enclosed Fee Transmittal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. SION-P12-041 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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